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Press Release:

**Milwaukee Woman Sentenced to 32 Months in Prison and Ordered to Pay
\$61,000 in Restitution for Filing False Tax Claims**

Acting United States Attorney Michelle L. Jacobs for the Eastern District of Wisconsin announced today that Sylvia Gates (DOB: xx/xx/1981), of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has been sentenced to 32 months' imprisonment and ordered to make \$61,000 in restitution to the Internal Revenue Service.

Ms. Gates had previously pleaded guilty to filing false claims for federal income tax refunds. During the years 2006 and 2007, Gates operated a tax return preparation business under the names Sylvia Tax Service and S&P Fast Tax Service, through which she prepared and submitted more than 80 fraudulent tax returns seeking tax refunds in excess of \$180,000.

This case was investigated by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Matthew L. Jacobs.

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